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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/748,994
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Our Docket # F-240

Enclosed please find an Amendment in response to the December 12, 2006 Office Action in the above referenced application.

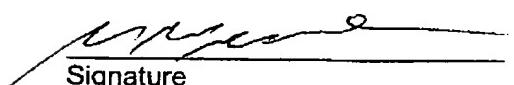
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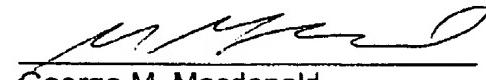
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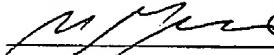
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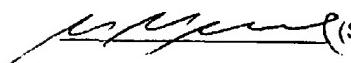
This communication is submitted in response to the December 12, 2006 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due March 12, 2007 and this initial response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.

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